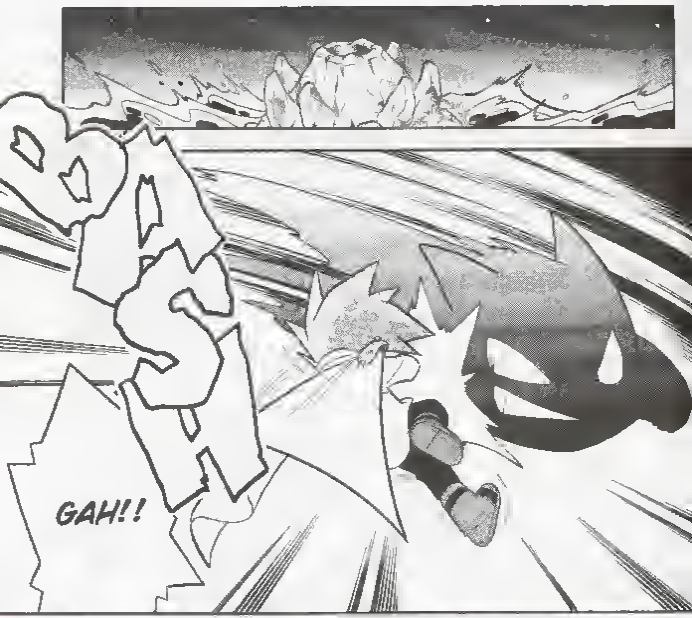
BRUNO...
HE'S GONE
PMP
AGH!
ONE ELITE FOUR MEMBER PER TEAM. THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT
SO I'M GONNA GO MEET UP WITH SABRINA AND KOGA NOW SEE YA!!
LT SURGE! WH WHAT THE HECK!?
W'LL HOW D'YA LIKE THAT!? TEAM ROCKET TO THE CORE!! WHAT MADE ME THINK HE COULDA EVER TURNED INTO A GOOD GUY!?
Woom
HUH!?
H-HEY, RED! LOOK!!
THERE'S A PATH BEYOND THE WALL THAT JOLTEON'S PIN MISSILE ATTACK BLASTED THROUGH!

SKETCH
M-MY POKÉDEX! AND A SKETCH-BOOK!!?
?
WHAT THE HECK!? THERE'S A PICTURE OF—ME!?
IT'S YELLOW! YELLOW WAS HERE!
?
WHO'S YELLOW..?
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU DON'T KNOW!!
YELLOW'S THE TRAINER THAT TOOK CARE O' PIKACHU WHILE YOU WERE MISSIN', RED.
AND OUGHTTA BE WITH BLAINE— BATTLIN' ONE O' THE OTHER ELITE FOUR RIGHT NOW!!
SO IF THIS YELLOW'S HERE— DOES THAT MEAN PIKA IS HERE TOO!?
CHANGE THE MODE TO CHECK ON PIKA'S CONDITION-- IT'S A NEW THING THAT PROFESSOR OAK ADDED TO THE POKÉDEX!
!!
WHAT!? PIKA'S IN SOME KIND OF DAN-GER!?
H-HEY, RED—
TALK LATER!
PSSSHH!!

RED WHILE WE'RE RIDIN'... CAN YOU TELL ME SOMETHIN'?
THERE WAS AN ICE STATUE OF YOU AWAY UP ON MT MOON THAT EVERYBODY WAS FREAKIN' OUT ABOUT
HOW'D YOU GET OUT OF THAT THING!?
AND ON TOP OF THAT THOSE EVOLVE STONES YOU WERE USIN' JUST NOW... AREN'T THEY THE LEGENDARY STONES OF VERMILION!?
I MEAN WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE!?
I DIDN'T GET OUT OF THE BLOCK OF ICE ON MY OWN
THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE WHO HELPED ME...
I GOT THOSE STONES FROM THAT PERSON TOO
WHAT!?
GIMME SHELLDER™

GRRR
POIP
VIP
THE BADGES THEY JUST TOOK . THEY JUST THREW THEM AWAY !? ERIKA--!?
SAME THING WAS DONE HERE
WH-WHAT DOES THIS MEAN!?
I CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE THING THIS ARMY IS SIMPLY REACTING TO THE ENERGY EMANATED BY THE BADGES _ ATTACKING WHEREVER THEY TRACK IT_
BUT THEY ARE ONLY TRYING TO FIND THE BADGES THEY DO NOT HAVE!
TEAM ROCKET HAD BEEN PLANNING TO MAKE USE OF THE ENERGY THAT THE 8 BADGES TOGETHER WOULD PRODUCE .
IS THE ELITE FOUR GOING FOR THE SAME THING_!?


GAH!!

WHOOSH
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HUFF
HUFF
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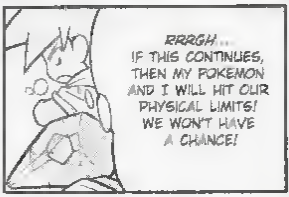
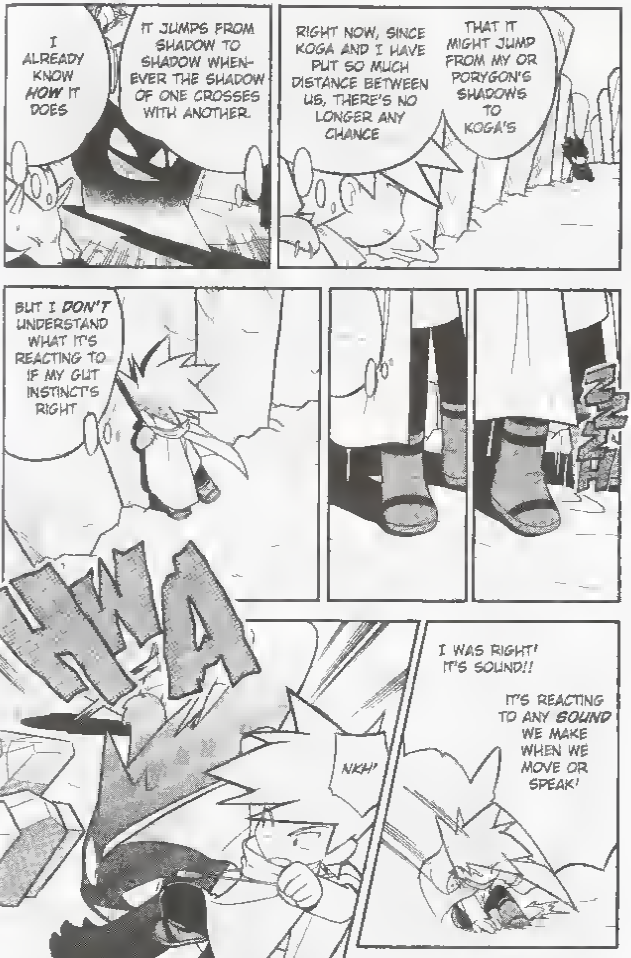
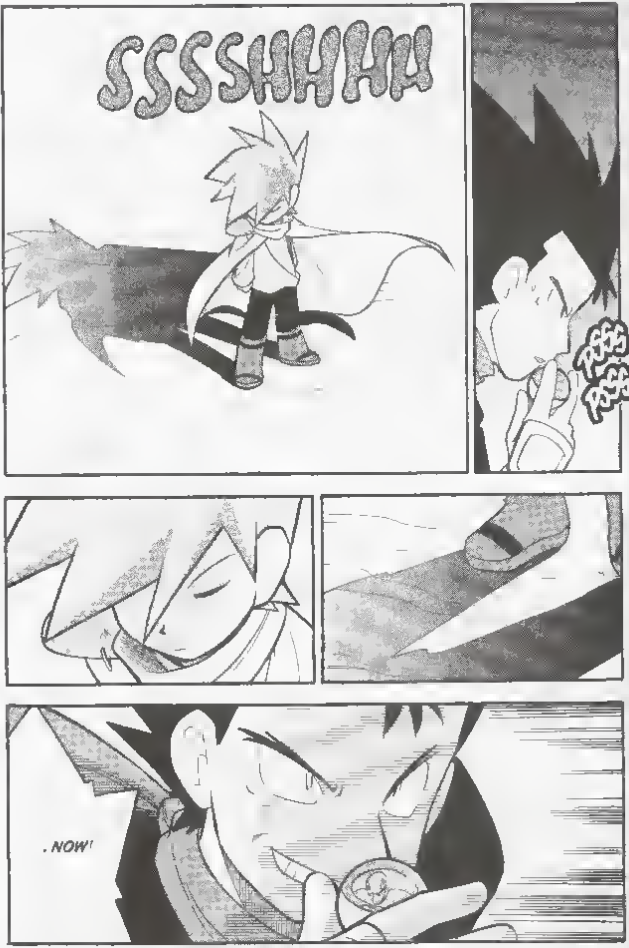

RRRGH...
IF THIS CONTINUES, THEN MY POKEMON AND I WILL HIT OUR PHYSICAL LIMITS! WE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

THERE'RE TWO THINGS TO CONSIDER IN ORDER TO CAPTURE GENGAR.
THE FIRST IS THAT THIS GENGAR WAS THE POWER TO MOVE FROM SHADOW TO SHADOW. THE SECOND IS THAT IT'S REACTING TO SOMETHING BEFORE SHIFTING SHADOWS.


I ALREADY KNOW HOW IT DOES
IT JUMPS FROM SHADOW TO SHADOW WHENEVER THE SHADOW OF ONE CROSSES WITH ANOTHER.
RIGHT NOW, SINCE KOGA AND I HAVE PUT SO MUCH DISTANCE BETWEEN US, THERE'S NO LONGER ANY CHANCE
THAT IT MIGHT JUMP FROM MY OR PORYGON'S SHADOWS TO KOGA'S
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S REACTING TO IF MY GUT INSTINCT'S RIGHT
SNFF
HNA
NKH'
I WAS RIGHT! IT'S SOUND!!
IT'S REACTING TO ANY SOUND WE MAKE WHEN WE MOVE OR SPEAK!

I FIGURED SINCE AGATHA WASN'T ON THE SCENE, THERE WAS SOMETHING GUIDING IT OTHER THAN A TRAINER'S COMMANDS..!
THIS TRICK HAS AGATHA'S NASTY STYLE WRITTEN ALL OVER IT .!!
BUT NOW THAT I KNOW . WHAT DO I DO..?
I CAN BUY SOME TIME BY BEING SILENT BUT...
PLOP
!

UGH!!
SO IT WON'T EVEN LET ME SWEAT, HUH!?
!
WHAT'S THIS SMOKE...?
OOOOOHHHH
KOGA!!
GULK
DD


SSSSHHHH
PSSS PSSS
. NOW!

OOF
POW
VSH
!?
Tong
Tong

SSSSS
GOTCHA! THAT'S A DECOY!!
KIIIIIIIN
GRR
PSYBEAM!!
WAWAWAWA
DOOM
HUF-HUF-

WE WON!!!
SAID
I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO DECIPHER THE MESSAGE IN MY KOFFING'S SMOKE.
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO CONVEY THE IDEA OF THE TAIL TO YOU. GIVEN THAT WE COULDN'T MAKE A SOUND
I REMEMBER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ALL MY ENEMIES' POKÉMON FOR CAPTURING PURPOSES
I KNEW THAT AN ARBOK'S TAIL CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE ACCORDING TO THE CREATURE'S WILL. IN ORDER TO LURE THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE BODY
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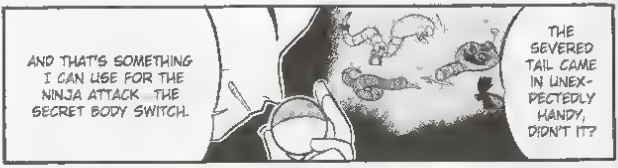
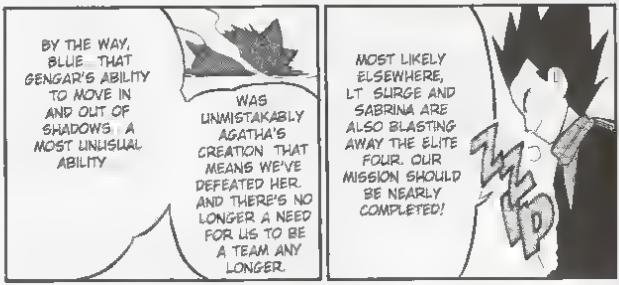
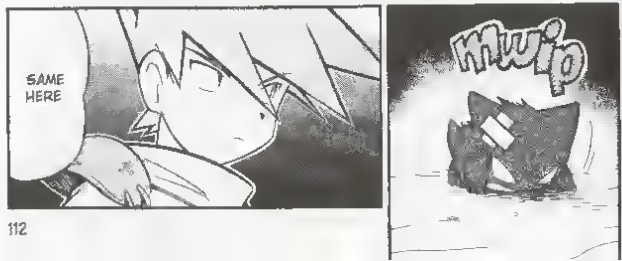

AND THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN USE FOR THE NINJA ATTACK—THE SECRET BODY SWITCH.
THE SEVERED TAIL CAME IN UNEXPECTEDLY HANDY, DIDN'T IT?

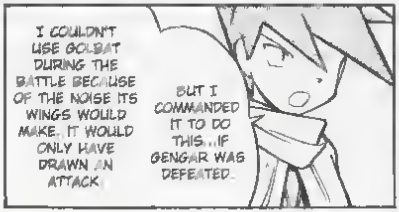

BY THE WAY, BLUE—THAT GENGAR'S ABILITY TO MOVE IN AND OUT OF SHADOWS...A MOST UNUSUAL ABILITY
WAS UNMISTAKABLY AGATHA'S CREATION. THAT MEANS WE'VE DEFEATED HER. AND THERE'S NO LONGER A NEED FOR US TO BE A TEAM ANY LONGER.
MOST LIKELY ELSEWHERE, LT. SURGE AND SABRINA ARE ALSO BLASTING AWAY THE ELITE FOUR. OUR MISSION SHOULD BE NEARLY COMPLETED!
ZZZIP

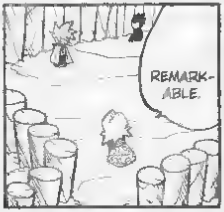
I ENJOYED MAKING USE OF YOUR POWERS. HEH HEH
—AND SEEING YOUR FIGHTING SKILLS FIRST HAND!
—NEXT TIME WE MEET AS ENEMIES, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THE SAME TRICKS!


SAME HERE
MWIP

DON'T MOVE!!
SHP
WITH GOLBAT'S CONFUSE RAY, I'VE LIGHTED THE ENTIRE CAVE
SHADOWS HAVE BEEN CUT TO A MINIMUM.
DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D LET YOU ESCAPE BACK INTO THE SHADOWS
WHOOSH
AGATHA!!?

YOU KNEW THAT I WAS LURKING CLOSE. VERY CLEVER.
AND A VERY CLEVER SOLUTION, TOO...


I COULDN'T USE GOLBAT DURING THE BATTLE BECAUSE OF THE NOISE ITS WINGS WOULD MAKE. IT WOULD ONLY HAVE DRAWN AN ATTACK.
BUT I COMMANDED IT TO DO THIS...IF GENGAR WAS DEFEATED.


REMARK-ABLE.

SO HOW DOES IT FEEL, AGATHA? YOU LAUGHED WHEN I SAVED THE GOLBAT. BUT NOW THAT SAME GOLBAT IS PREVENTING YOU FROM MOVING.

THAT'S MY BLUE. JUST LIKE AT THE POWER PLANT...
YOUR GRAND-FATHER, PROFESSOR OAK, USED TO BE SUCH A MAN...

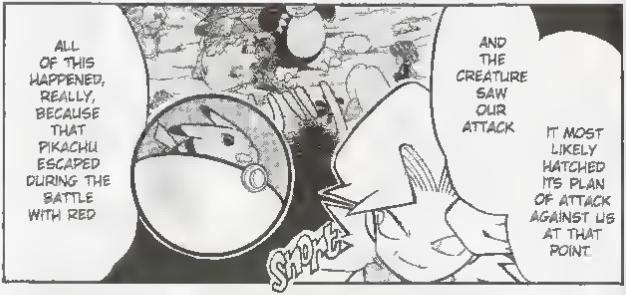
!
BEFORE THE LEAGUE BATTLE, WHEN I ATTACKED HIM IN THE HALLWAY...
HE BOUGHT OUT KANGAS-KHAN'S DIZZY PUNCH AGAINST GENGAR.
HE USED AN ATTACK USELESS AGAINST GHOST TYPES... ON PURPOSE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET IT GET TO ME, BUT. WELL... I'M SUCH A SOFTIE. HEH HEH HEH..
...
HE WAS GOOD, AND BRAVE AND STRONG, THEN! HE ISN'T EVEN A SHADOW OF HIMSELF ANY-MORE! MAKING SILLY LITTLE TOYS LIKE THE POKÉDEX! FEH!
OH, BY THE WAY, BLUE. BY LIGHTING THE PLACE FROM ABOVE... AREN'T YOU OVERLOOKING SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT?
THAT BEING...? -GASP-

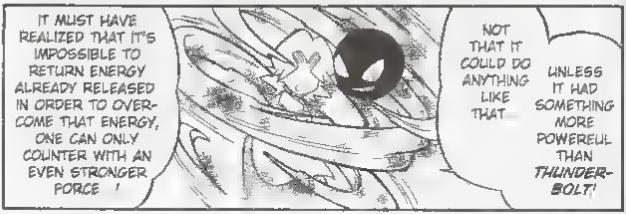
STARMIE! IT'S GUIDING LIGHT--A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN THE SKY!!
"THE ARMY OF DRAGONS HAS INVADED THE MAINLAND SEARCHING FOR BADGES, ELITE FOUR'S GOAL IS BADGES' COLLECTIVE ENERGY." WHAT...!?
EEE HEE HEE HEE!! THAT'S RIGHT! WITH MY LAST GENGAR DEFEATED, I NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER TO RETALIATE.
AND I'VE SUSTAINED MUCH DAMAGE FROM THE BATTLE WITH THAT NINJA THERE
HUF HUF
I ONLY HAVE JUST ENOUGH POWER.
TO ESCAPE!
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I MIGHT HAVE LOST THE BATTLE BUT I WILL YET SEE THIS WAR WON!!
EVEN IF WE'RE ALL DEFEATED HERE
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
THE ELITE FOUR'S MASTER PLAN IS ALREADY WELL ON ITS WAY TO COMPLETION!!
KRAK

IT SEEMS THAT LANCE IS GOING WILD IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND!
HEEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!
AGATHA!
KOGA!
NNH!
THE SECRET ART OF DEFENSE "MAGIC OF MILK"!!

SHELL
LISTEN WELL, BLUE! WHEN ALL 8 BADGES COME TOGETHER ON THIS ISLAND, LANCE'S PLAN WILL BE COMPLETE!
HWOOOOO
AND NOW ONLY ONE REMAINS!!
FOR THAT ONE BADGE, I SENT THE ENTIRE FORCE TO THE MAINLAND
AND KNOWING LANCE, HE'S PROBABLY TARGETED IT THROUGH A DIFFERENT MEANS AS WELL!
THE ENTIRE MAINLAND FORCE WAS CONTROLLED BY AGATHA ALONE!!
ORDINARILY, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO GIMMICK ANOTHER'S POKÉ BALLS OR CONTROL ANOTHER'S POKÉMON. CORRECT?
BUT IN MY YOUTH, I STUDIED HOW TO DO JUST THAT!
WHEN I'M CONTROLLING A LARGE NUMBER, OR MANIPULATING THEM FROM A DISTANCE I CAN ONLY SEND OUT SIMPLE COMMANDS. SUCH AS "FIND THE BADGE"...
GROUP LEADER
TROOPS
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO KEEP THE FORMATION OF TROOPS SIMPLE FOR THE COMBAT AND ICE TROOPS THAT I SENT TO THE MAINLAND, I GAVE MY COMMANDS TO ONE GROUP LEADER EACH, WHO IN TURN COMMANDED THE REST OF THE TROOPS. BUT I HAD AN ADVANTAGE WITH MY OWN GHOST TROOPS.

THE STAGGERING POWER THAT EMANATES FROM THE BADGES COMBINED!
I CONTROLLED BRUNO WITH IT TOO!
THE BANDS ON HIS WRISTS ARE THE SAME AS THE ONES ON MY OWN POKÉMON!
BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE I NEED TO EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU, DO I, BLUE?
YOU SAW YOURSELF HOW TEAM ROCKET USED THAT POWER TO COMBINE THE THREE DIFFERENT TYPES
AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S HOW WE CAPTURED YOUR DEAR FRIEND RED!! EEE HEE HEE!!
SO YOU *WERE* INVOLVED IN RED'S DISAPPEARANCE!
WHP
CHARIZARD!!
CHOMP
hosh
!
CHOMP


ALL OF THIS HAPPENED, REALLY, BECAUSE THAT PIKACHU ESCAPED DURING THE BATTLE WITH RED
SKRKZ
AND THE CREATURE SAW OUR ATTACK
IT MOST LIKELY HATCHED ITS PLAN OF ATTACK AGAINST US AT THAT POINT


IT MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO RETURN ENERGY ALREADY RELEASED IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THAT ENERGY, ONE CAN ONLY COUNTER WITH AN EVEN STRONGER FORCE !
NOT THAT IT COULD DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
UNLESS IT HAD SOMETHING MORE POWERFUL THAN THUNDERBOLT!

I'VE TALKED TOO LONG
huOOO
BUT THEN... YOU ARE OAK'S GRANDSON...
EEE HEE HEE HEE

AGATHA!!
!
KYAK

DAWN THE DAY'S ABOUT TO BREAK. I CAN'T SEE THE MESSAGE ANYMORE
BUT THANK YOU, GOOD TRAINERS! THANK YOU! BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS ABLE TO GET SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION OUT OF AGATHA!
!
THAT SOUND . . .
PII PII PII
MY POKÉDEX IT'S RESONATING THAT MEANS THAT ALL THREE POKÉDEX ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER.
PIPIPIPIPI
AND IT'S ALSO GIVING OFF THE SIGNAL THAT THE PROPER OWNERS ARE IN POSSESSION OF THEM!
THAT MEANS THAT RED IS ALIVE--AND HE'S HERE! IT MEANS THAT RED HAS HIS POKEDEX AGAIN!
WOOSH

YOU'RE SAYIN' THAT NOT ONLY DID THIS PERSON SAVE YOU— BUT ALSO GAVE YOU THE STONES!?
WHO THE HECK IS THAT PERSON!!?
WELL, I DIDN'T SEE THE FACE BEING FROZEN IN A BLOCK OF ICE WILL DO THAT TO YOU.
BUT AFTER WHOEVER IT WAS GOT ME OUT OF THE ICE,
HE GAVE ME THE STONES AND SAID, "TAKE THESE WITH YOU. RED YOU'RE NOT GOING TO END HERE."
AND THEN. . HE GAVE ME THIS
HE SAID, "THIS WILL LEAD YOU TO YET ANOTHER DECISIVE BATTLE."
THE SPOON OF DESTINY!!
BY FOLLOWING THE BEND OF THIS SPOON, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND MY WAY TO THIS ISLAND!
PI PI PI!!
WHOA!! BLUE AND GREEN MUST BE NEARBY!!
YOU SHOULD HURRY! YOU GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT ME! I'LL FOLLOW YA!
OKAY!!